



Christine Ford was badly injured in a bike accident on Friday but has not been able to get admitted to a hospital, despite visiting three and getting an x-ray which shows she has a bad upper arm break. Photo by Aaron Harris

Local bike accident victim must wait two weeks for surgery

On Tuesday, doctors at Brampton's Civil Hospital told Christine Ford of Georgetown what she already knew—that the excruciating pain she's been experiencing since last week is due to a fracture at the end of her right upper arm bone. And that she needs surgery. But she can't get it until June 27.

"The top of the humerus (upper arm bone) is broken off," explained Ford's husband, Ross Welsh, a Toronto firefighter.

The 40-year-old jewelry and fabric artist had been taken by ambulance to Georgetown Hospital when she fell off her bike Saturday afternoon. The accident left her with swelling on her head, a blackened eye, a knocked-out tooth, bruised and swollen legs, scrapes all over her body and terrible pain, the worst emanating from her arm.

An odyssey involving three hospitals followed. Ford's sister, Barbara Ford-Pimento, drove her from Georgetown Hospital to Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (both part of Halton Healthcare

Services) and finally to Brampton Civic Hospital (part of William Osler Health System).

Even so, Ford is still being cared for by relatives and has not yet had the surgery she's been told she needs. She was not assessed by a fracture clinic until Tuesday.

"The Georgetown hospital told us she needed surgery immediately and that her pain would only get worse," says Ford-Pimento. But the Georgetown hospital didn't have the facilities.

After a wait of about three hours, Ford-Pimento was told that the hospital had not been able to arrange the surgery elsewhere but nothing else could be done there.

Ford-Pimento said that at one point, a doctor at Georgetown Hospital turned to her and put his hands on her shoulders and told her to "read between the lines.... that there wasn't anything he could do but if I took her to Brampton or Oakville they are obligated to help her."

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Callback Date: Sunday, June 26 - 1-4 pm
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Contact Andrew Humeniuk at andrew@humeniuk.com or 416-571-1012 to book an audition time.
 Please prepare a comedic monologue under one minute in length and be prepared to do a cold reading from the script.
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